Flood Control Measures for Assam

391. SHRI PARAG CHALIHA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the efforts made proposed to be made to evolve long-term policy for over-powering the annual menace of floods and accompanying devastations caused by the Brahmaputra in Assam and adjoining States;

(b) whether the Centre has undertaken some steps in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) The Brahmaputra Board under Ministry of Water Resources has prepared a Master Plan for flood management and integrated development of water resources in the Brahmaputra Basin. The Master Plan, estimated at Rs. 54,750 crore (at 1993 price level), proposes construction of storage reservoirs, network embankments, watershed management, flood plain zoning, flood forecasting and flood proofing as long term measures for flood mangement.

(b) and (c) The Master Plan has been sent to Assam and its adjoining States in the North East for preparation of detailed schemes as per priority accorded by the States. The schemes are to be executed through the Plan funds provided to individual States by the Planing Commission.

पुरुलिया क्षेत्र में हथियार गिराने हेतु विमान का प्रवेश

392. **श्री सुन्दर सिंह भंडारी:** क्या नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) देश में पुरुलिया क्षेत्र में हथियार गिराने वाला विमान किस प्राधिकारी की इजाजत से आया और वाराणसी, कलकत्ता और मद्रास में उतरने की इजाजत उसे किस प्राधिकारी से मिली;

(ख) ये हथियार किस देश ने किस देश के लिए भिजवाये थे; और

(ग) इस असफलता के लिए किन एजेन्सियों को दोषी पाया गया है और उनके विरूद्ध क्या कार्रवाई की गई है?

नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री (श्री गुलाम नबी आजाद) (क) नागर विमानन महानिदेशक द्वारा वाराणसी में विमान में पुनः ईंधन भरने के लिए तकनीकी अवतरण के साथ करांची से यांगून के लिए एक उड़ान प्रचालन करने की अनुमति दी गई थी। विमान को वाराणसी, कलकत्ता और मद्रास में अवतरण करने की अनुमति भारतीय विमानपत्तन प्राधिकरण द्वारा दी गई थी।

(ख) और (ग) घटना की जांच की जा रही है।

Theft in Asiatic Archives

393. SHRI K.R. MALKANI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that some priceless items are missing from the Asiatic Archives as reported in the 'Times of India' dated 3rd August, 1995.

(b) if so, the details of such items;

(c) the action Government have taken to retrieve these items; and

(d) the action taken against persons responsible for these thefts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (KUMARI SELJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The losses include Sahagaura Copper Plate Inscriptions, gold coins and two illuminated folios of Astasahasrika Prajnaparamita.

(c) and (d) The illuminated folios have since been received back by the Asiatic Society. The Asiatic Society has been asked to approach the Central Bureau of Investigation to look into the remaining losses.